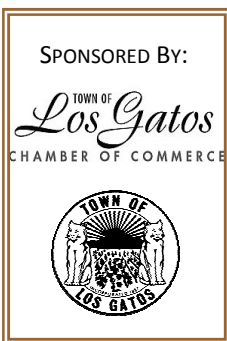


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POPULATION

30,000

WEATHER

Approximately 330 days of sunshine annually

DINING

More than 90 restaurants town-wide, 52 are located in the downtown. Dining experiences range from two star Michelin rated Manresa to small and casual local favorites.

SHOPPING

115 downtown shops provide great variety for visitors and residents. From local unique boutiques to national favorites, downtown Los Gatos has a wide array of shopping choices.

LODGING

410 guest rooms from quaint inns & elegant hotels there is something for everyone.

SPAS

2 full-service spas and over 50 beauty service businesses.

FULL-SERVICE MEETING FACILITIES

Los Gatos has numerous locations that are ideal for retreats, weddings/special events, or corporate meetings including: Byington Winery, Garden Inn, Hotel Los Gatos, Los Gatos History Club, Los Gatos Lodge, Opera House Events Site, Presentation Center (certified green), Testarossa Vineyards, and the Toll house Hotel. All of these sites offer additional catering choices.

ARTS

The Museums of Los Gatos: Los Gatos Art Museum and Forbes Mill History Museum focus on local & regional Art and History.

WINERIES/WINE TASTING

Since the late 1800's Santa Cruz Mountain Vintners have been producing nationally and international acclaimed pinot noir varietals. Today, 70 wineries dot the hillsides between Santa Cruz and Los Gatos giving visitors numerous options to pick from. Los Gatos is situated at the base of the Santa Cruz Mountains and is the gateway to this dynamic wine region.

RECREATION

Begin outdoor adventures in Los Gatos! Bocce ball, paddle boating at Vasona Lake, fishing at Lexington Reservoir, hiking at Big Basin State Park, running or cycling on local trails including Los Gatos Creek Trail which runs throughout downtown, or equestrian trails in Los Gatos and in Saratoga our neighboring community.

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Favorite Los Gatos Memory: Enjoying the end of a fruitful day of shopping with a great glass of pinot noir at a downtown café in the afternoon sun. . .



PET-FRIENDLY

Los Gatos is pet-friendly! Shop downtown with your furry friend for the latest pet accessory, or attend one of the many events like Santa Paws or Howling Halloween, pet fans can even join “Society Dog” a local pet social club to mingle with other pet owners.

PARKS

From small neighborhood parks and the Billy Jones Railroad train rides at Vasona Park, to expansive trail systems that run throughout Town. Los Gatans love the great outdoors!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Los Gatos has lots of year-round entertainment options including a Sunday’s Farmers Market at Town Plaza Park, *Jazz on the Plazz*, Music in the Park, Annual Children’s Holiday Parade, Shakespeare in the Park (which features a rotating Town Council member in the cast each year), and close proximity to Villa Montalvo literary performing arts and the Mountain Winery/Bill Graham presents in Saratoga.

LIVING IN LOS GATOS

Family-oriented, pedestrian-friendly, and renowned schools makes Los Gatos a great family-friendly community. Los Gatos has a wide variety of housing to choose from including single family ranch style homes, historic homes, apartments and townhomes, retirement and senior housing.

WEDDINGS

Los Gatos provides memorable moments and memorable places from elegant banquet sites, to vineyard settings, all the necessary ingredients including dress boutiques, catering, jewelers, salons, photographers, and florists, are available right in Town.

ENVIRONMENTALLY-CONSCIOUS

Los Gatos prides itself on its environmentally conscious community approach from Akeena Solar providing solar panels to residents and small businesses, to Trevese the first Green Certified restaurant in the San Jose area, visitors and residents can choose numerous green businesses to patron. The Town also runs annual “Keep Los Gatos Beautiful” campaigns which encourages residents to shop locally, use cloth bags at the grocery stores, learn composting classes just to name a few!